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UHH...

WHAT'S THIS FOR?

THERE ARE THINGS HERE LITTLE KIDS ARE BETTER OFF NOT SEEING.

BUT YOU'RE ALSO A LITTLE--

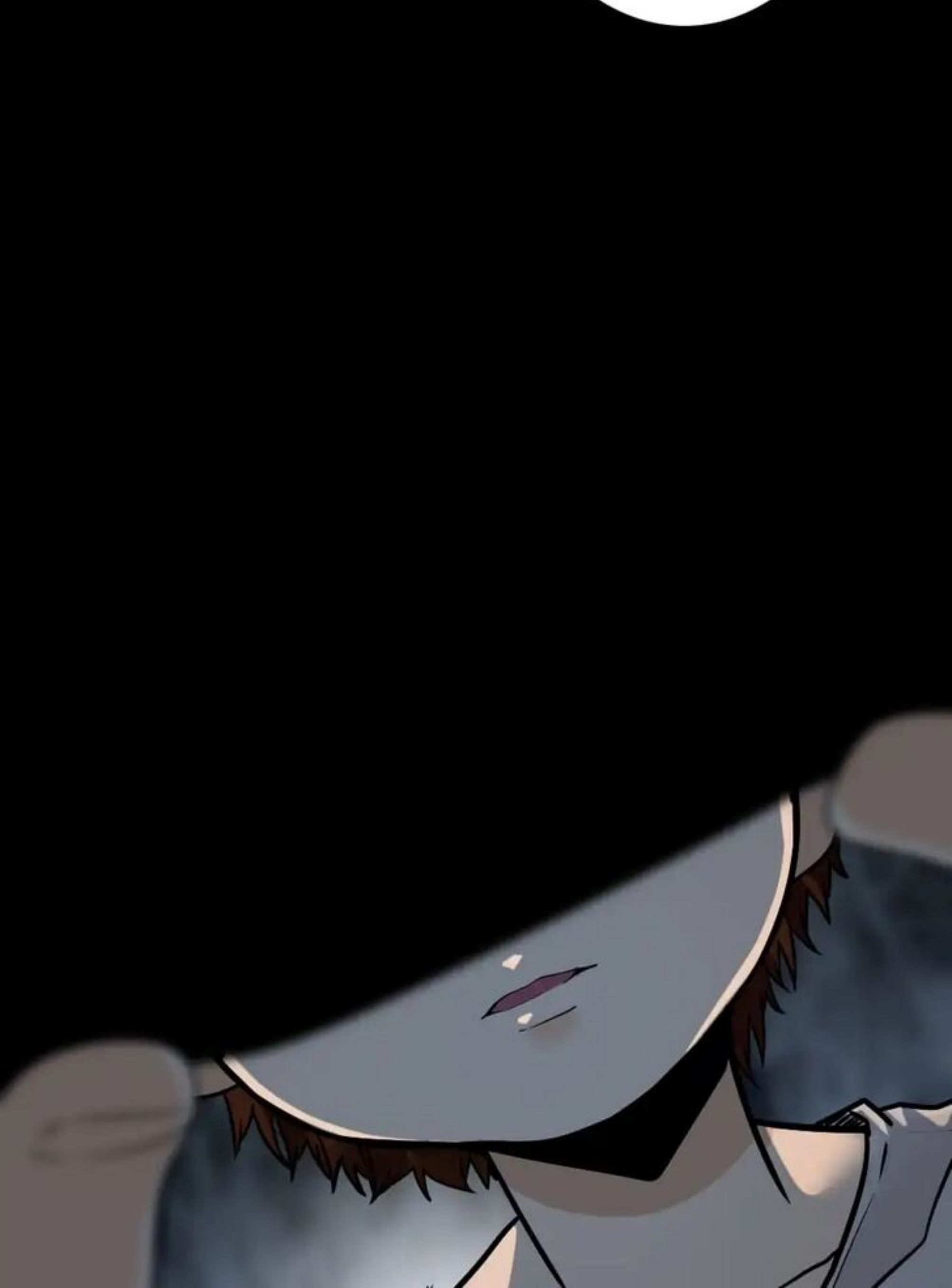
LET'S GO.

AND DON'T TAKE THE CLOTH OFF UNTIL I SAY SO.

OKAY.

STEP

WE SHOULD BE A GOOD ENOUGH DISTANCE AWAY.



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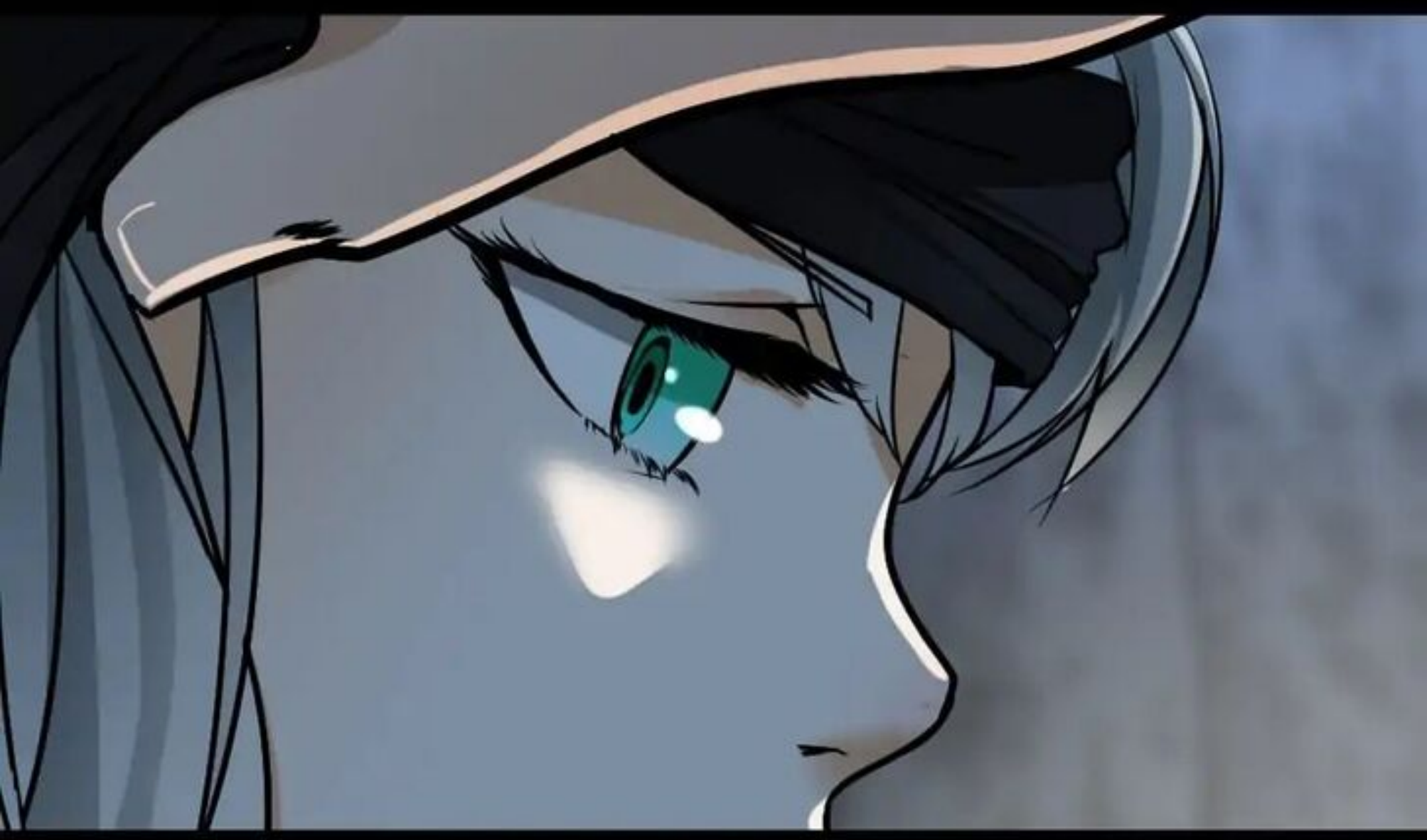

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THANK....

OKAY!

NICE MEETING YOU!

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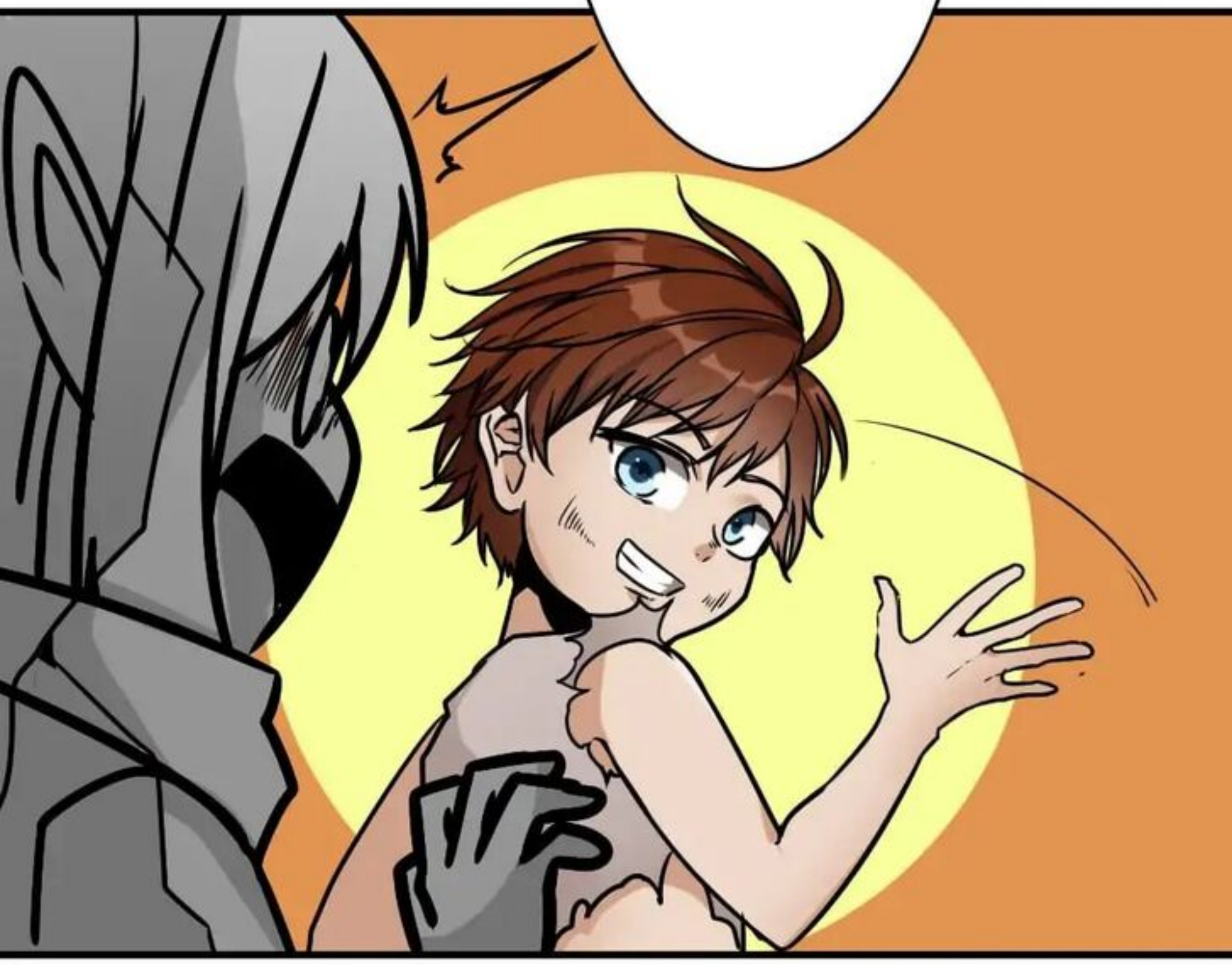


HOW CAN YOU ABANDON SUCH A CUTE LITTLE GIRL IN THE WOODS, YOU PIECE OF TRASH.

I'M SCARED.

DON'T LEAVE ME.

LOOK, I NEED TO GET HOME TOO.

THOSE SLA-- BAD GUYS WON'T CHASE YOU ANYMORE.

BESIDES, AREN'T ELVES GENERALLY SAFE IN THIS FOREST ANYWAY?

THIS GIRL...

BEASTS ARE ONLY SCARED OF ADULTS...

MY PARENTS SAID THAT KIDS WILL GET EATEN BY HOUNDS OR TREE GOLEMS.

AH...

OKAY... WELL DO YOU AT LEAST KNOW HOW LONG IT'LL TAKE TO GET TO WHERE YOU LIVE FROM HERE?

...

I DON'T KNOW.

SIGH

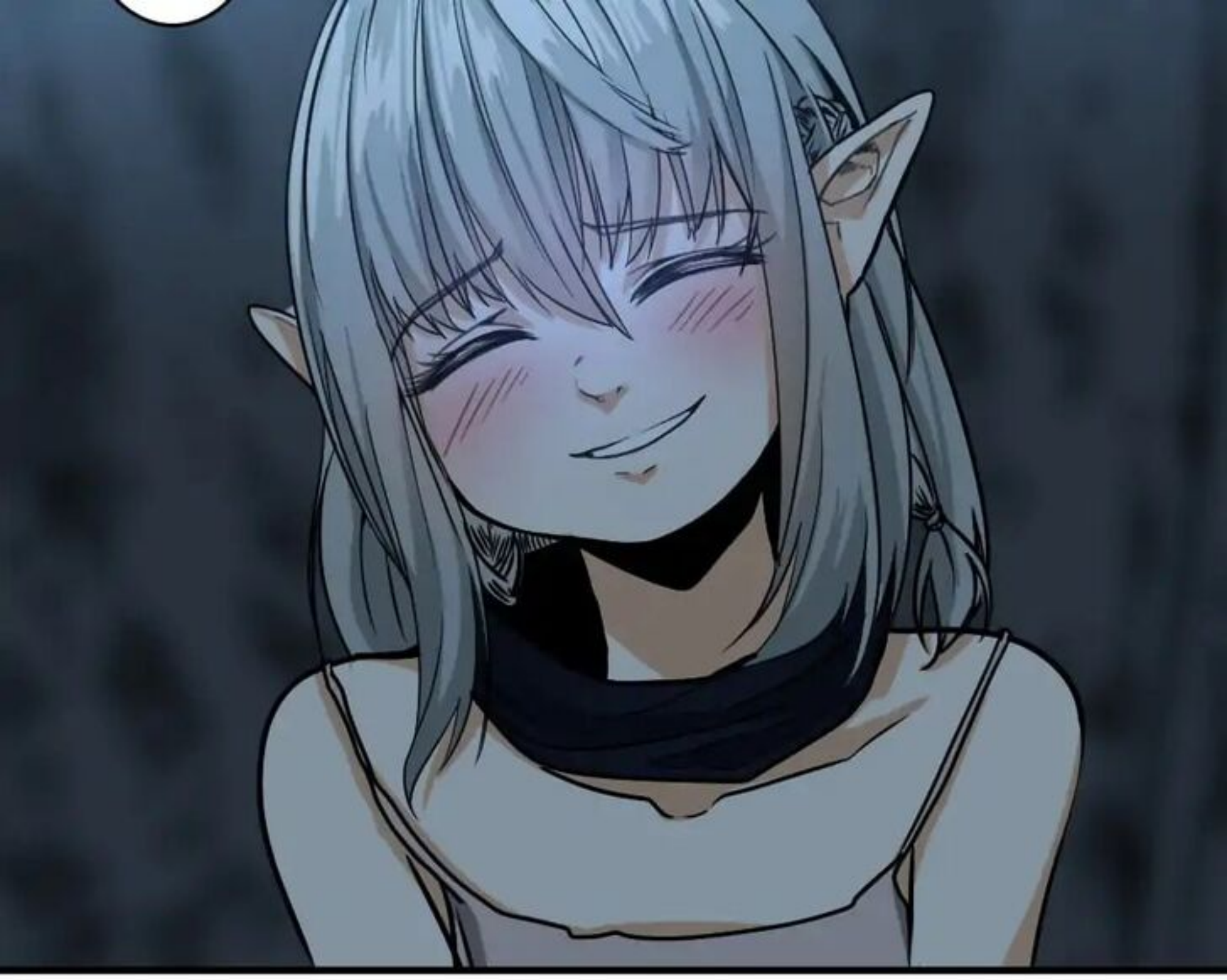
JUST STAY HERE ...

HUH?

I'LL GO GATHER SOME SUPPLIES FOR US.

HOPEFULLY THE TRIP WON'T BE TOO LONG.

OKAY!



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I SALVAGED WHAT I COULD FOR THE JOURNEY AHEAD.

NEITHER OF
US KNEW HOW
LONG IT'D TAKE,
AND I ALSO HAD
TO THINK ABOUT
THE JOURNEY BACK.

IT'S A SHAME WE CAN'T TAKE THE CARRIAGE, BUT IT MIGHT BE FOR THE BEST.

WE'D STICK OUT LIKE SORE THUMBS RIDING IN THAT.

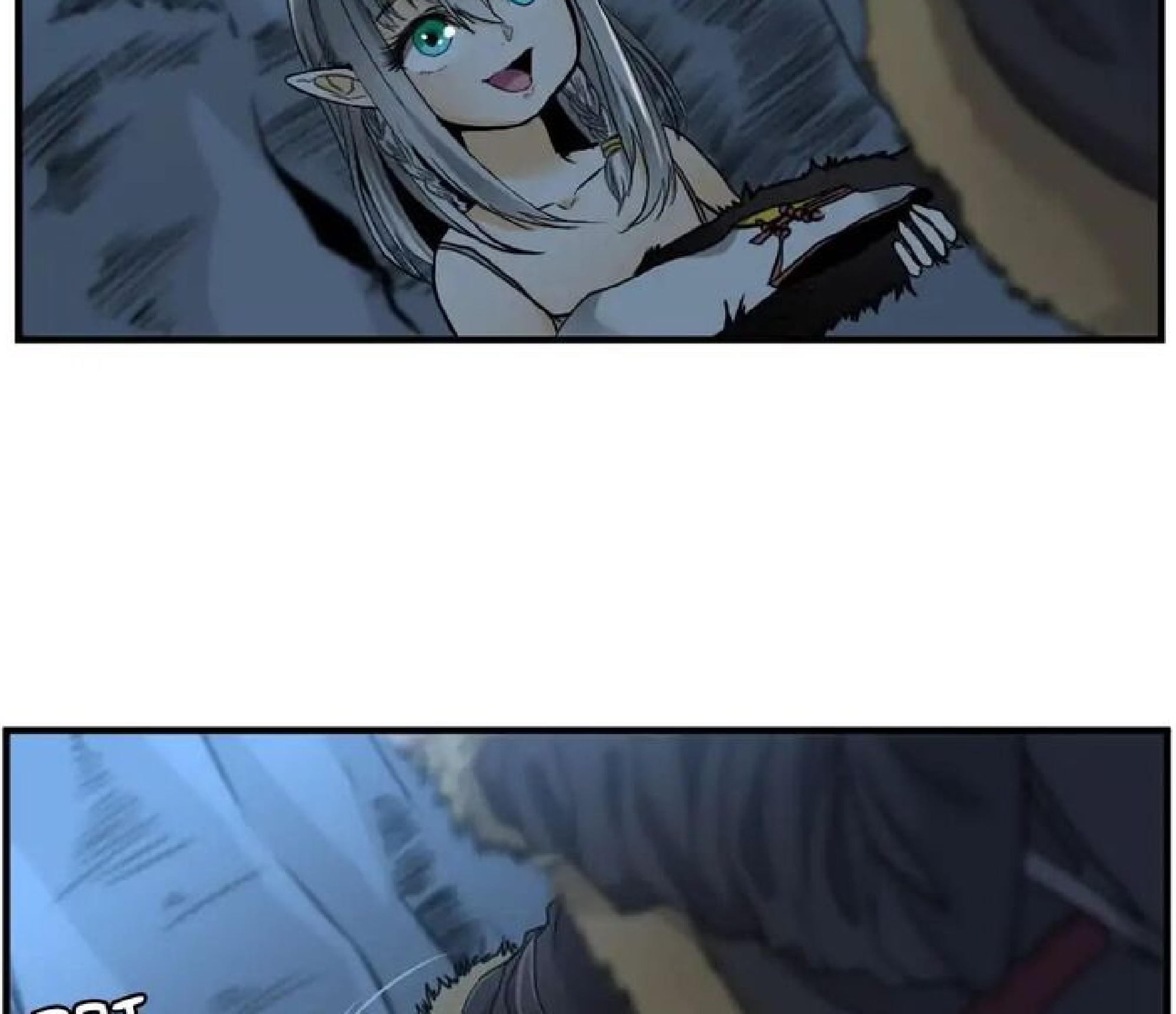
I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE ELVES HAVE SOMETHING THAT CAN TAKE ME BACK TO THE HUMAN KINGDOM.

HERE.

I FOUND THESE CLOTHES INSIDE THE CARRIAGE AND ASSUMED THEY WERE YOURS.

WEAR THE CLOAK OVER THEM SINCE IT'LL PROBABLY GET COLD.

THANK YOU.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LET'S GET YOU BACK HOME.

As we walked in the vague direction she pointed to, I got to know more about the elf child.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

T-TESSIA. TESSIA ERALITH. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

IT'S ARTHUR LEYWIN.

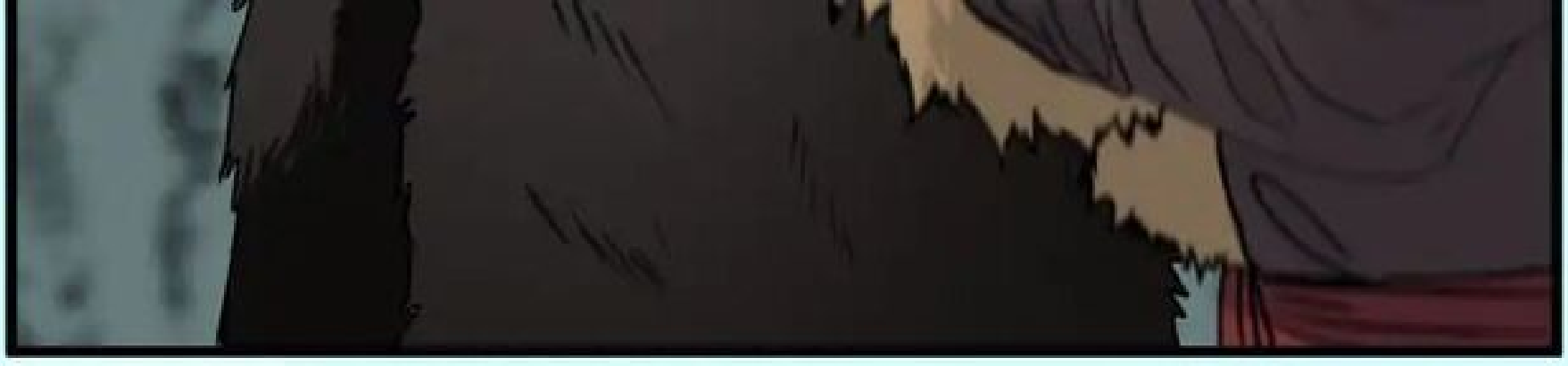
HOW'D YOU END UP IN THE ELSHIRE FOREST, ARTHUR?

IT'S A LONG STORY...

WE HAVE TIME!

HMM...
LET'S JUST SAY I GOT SEPARATED FROM MY FAMILY.

OH. SO YOU CAME FROM THE HUMAN KINGDOM, RIGHT?



MMHM.

THEN IS IT TRUE THAT ALL MALE HUMANS ARE PERVERTS AND HAVE MORE THAN ONE WIFE?

WHAT? WHO TOLD YOU THAT?

MY GRANDPA.

I-I SEE... WELL, I'M SURE THERE ARE PERVERTS AMONG ELVES TOO. WAIT, DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT 'PERVERT' MEANS?

NOT REALLY.

WELL, TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION... USUALLY, ONLY SOME NOBLES PREFER TO HAVE MULTIPLE WIVES...

OH! NOW I GET IT!

D-DO YOU REALLY? ANYWAY, LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION. WHAT'S IT LIKE LIVING IN ELENOIR?

ELEANOR?

IT'S FUN! I SPEND A LOT OF TIME WITH MY CARETAKERS AND GRANPA SINCE MY MOM AND DAD ARE BUSY.

OH, AND ONCE I AWAKEN, I'LL PROBABLY BE GIVEN A MENTOR TO TRAIN UNDER! I'M PRETTY EXCITED ABOUT THAT.

HMM.
THE EDUCATION SYSTEM SEEMS A BIT MORE UNDISCRIMINATING IN ELENOIR IF EVERYONE'S ASSIGNED A PRIVATE MENTOR UPON AWAKENING.

UNDISCRIM--
WHAT?

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NOTHING.
JUST TALKING
TO MYSELF.

...HEY, ARTHUR?

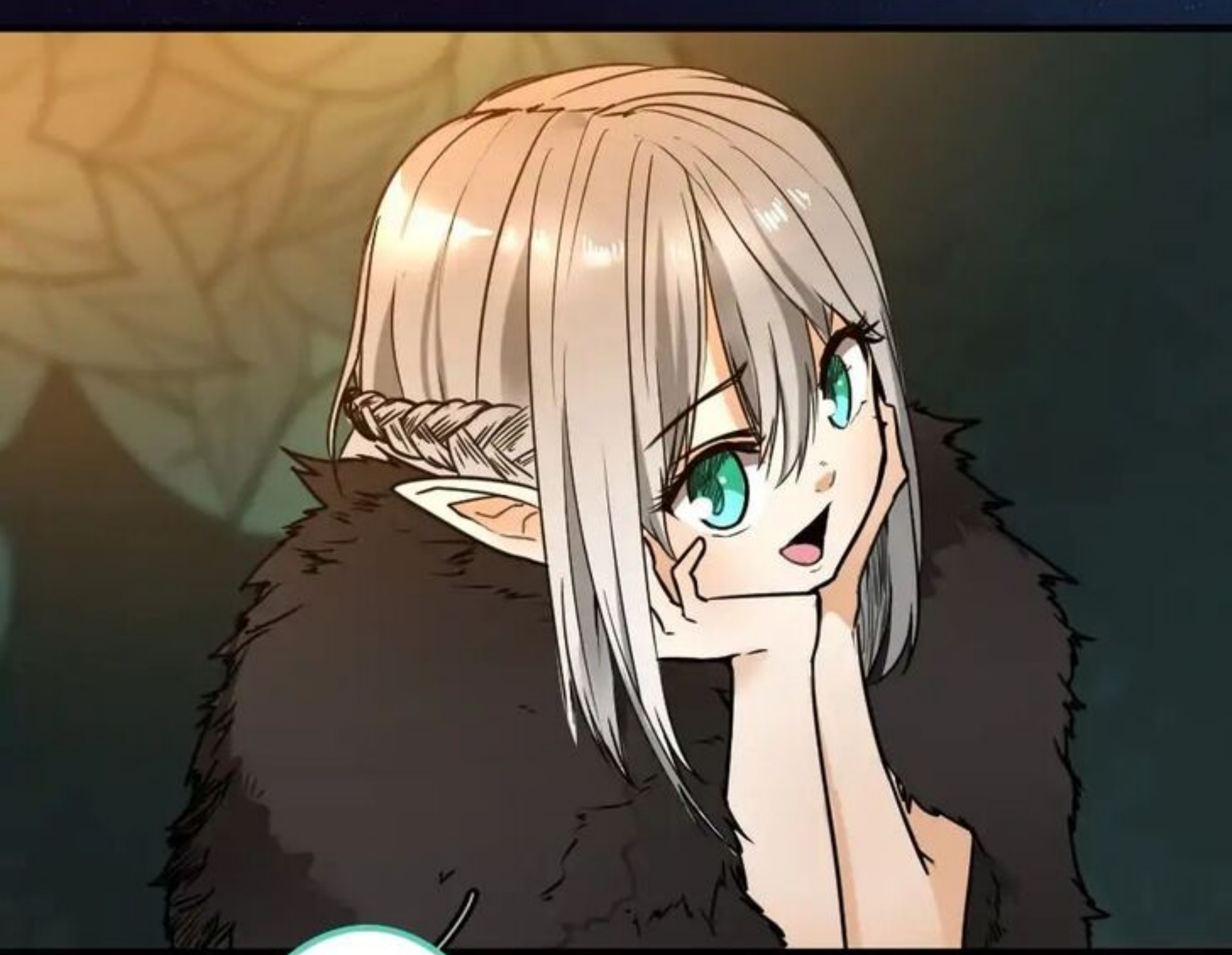
YES?

WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE BAD GUYS THAT TOOK ME?

THEY, UH... RAN INTO A RATHER UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT.

W-WILL THEY TRY TO COME FIND ME AGAIN?

I PROMISE THAT YOU WON'T EVER SEE THEM AGAIN.



OKAY! THANK YOU, ARTHUR. FOR EVERYTHING...

YOU SHOULD GET SOME SLEEP.

HUH? WHAT ABOUT YOU?

I'LL KEEP GUARD OUTSIDE.

I WANTED TO USE THIS TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THIS 'WILL' SYLVIA LEFT ME WAS, BUT...

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ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T NEED SOME REST TOO?

G-GRANDPA SAID TO NEVER SHARE A BED WITH A BOY BUT I WON'T TELL ON YOU.

IT'S OKAY. I'M NOT THAT SLEEPY.

...
OKAY.

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W-WELL, YOU SEE, I JUST REMEMBERED.

BEASTS WILL MORE LIKELY APPEAR IF THEY NOTICE YOU OUT HERE BECAUSE THEY'LL SEE THAT YOU'RE A KID!

THEREFORE... I PROPOSE THAT, FOR OUR SAFETY, YOU SHOULD KEEP GUARD INSIDE THE TENT...

IT'S FOR OUR SAFETY.

N-NOT BECAUSE I'M SCARED.

YEAH, YEAH.
I GOT IT.

NOW SLEEP.

GRAB

TESSIA ERALITH...
YOU'VE HAD IT ROUGH.
REST WELL.